REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 July 1998
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Blenheim
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Teenage Schoolgirls 27
Other Known Titles:	School Girls (Exhibit 26)
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Color-Climax Corporation
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Denmark
Language:	English, German, French, Spanish

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine *Teenage Schoolgirls 27* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The magazine promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. The magazine contains photostories which explicitly depict and describe sexual activity between males and females. The actual age of the participants in the sexual activity is difficult to ascertain. However, certain features of the magazine cue the reader into perceiving the participants as young persons. These features include the magazine's title, which clearly flags the female participants as teenagers. References to the females as schoolgirls are made throughout the publication, with one photostory set in a classroom and involving a female student and her teacher. In addition, the females are ascribed youthful characteristics (one is said to 'sulk' when made to accompany her parents on holiday), or depicted wearing clothing most commonly associated with young persons.

As a result of these references, the reader is encouraged to view the females as young persons, and consider these persons as legitimate participants in sexual activity with adults. The magazine therefore tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been considered in relation to this publication. The publication has been made objectionable under the deeming provisions of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. These provisions are inconsistent with, and override, the rights and freedoms of the NZBR Act.

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